

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract:

--A four-stroke internal combustion engine is provided that is capable of use in many power tools, including those power tools subjected to tippable applications. There is provided within an engine housing an oil reservoir and a valve chamber which independently communicate with a crank chamber. A strategically placed divider and passageway, located within the engine housing, appropriately direct lubricant within the engine housing so that the internal cavity of the engine is lubricated during use in various operating attitudes, and so that the fluid flows to and is held in the proper chambers of the engine housing during storage. There is also provided a breather arrangement for an internal combustion engine which includes a cam shaft having a hollow passageway in communication with the crank chamber and the air intake system of the engine. There is also provided an engine housing which can be utilized for engines having different horsepower ratings. There is also provided a crankshaft bearing assembly which prevents damage to the bearing upon insertion of the crankshaft into the crank chamber. There is also provided a protective engine housing shroud and fuel tank assembly which enables the engine to operate in a tipped orientation. There is also provided an intake isolator which cooperates with the intake port and protective shroud so as to enhance cooling of the engine housing and insulate the air/fuel mixture from the surrounding environment. There is also provided a muffler assembly which is adapted to mate with the exhaust port to substantially prevent exhaust from escaping into the atmosphere. The muffler assembly is also designed to minimize exhaust from heating the engine housing. There is also provided an engine housing and a protective shroud which enable the engine to be substantially completely assembled while the engine is mounted to a single assembly fixture. The engine according to the present invention is further designed to be of a lightweight construction, economical to manufacture and efficient to operate.--